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Implications of the Conservative/Liberal Democrat coalition

On 27 May, the Rt Hon Pickles MP contacted local authorities to confirm the abolition of regional spatial strategies (RSS). This requires the introduction of legislation; however in the interim the Government's intention is a material consideration in the consideration of any planning application and the preparation of Local Development Frameworks.

The abolition of the RSS has significant implications for preparation of the Joint Core Strategy (JCS). The strategic planning context has changed dramatically and the plans we are developing for our area must reflect this. The JCS team has been working on proposals to present to the councils of Gloucester, Cheltenham and Tewkesbury in September. This is a key milestone for the JCS as it provides the opportunity to clearly set out the vision and spatial options for accommodating our development needs up to 2026. It is important that this vision reflects the changing planning environment. In light of this, JCS options will not be considered by Councils in September, and a new timetable will be prepared. In the meantime, the JCS team will take forward the following:

- Consultation with stakeholders, LSPs and councillors
- Consultation with parish councils
- Analysis of revised population projections
- Analysis of revised employment projections
- Progression of the JCS evidence base

A revised timetable will be agreed by the JCS Programme Board in due course.



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Consultation news and opportunities

The JCS team held a series of successful consultation seminars with stakeholders, the Local Strategic Partnership, and elected Members in the second week of June. Participants debated the JCS strategic objectives and spatial options. The JCS team would like to thank all those who took part.



Anyone who missed the events, or who would like to contribute further, can do so online from Monday 14th June to Monday 26th July at: www.gct-jcs.org. The website presents in draft form: a 'spatial portrait' of the JCS area; the key issues it faces; a vision for how the area could be; and the strategic objectives to be fulfilled if we are to solve the issues and achieve our vision.

Please follow the link www.gct-jcs.org and get involved!

